CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES OCTOBER 1, 1999

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PUBLIC WORKSHOP: DISCUSSION OF DRAFT REPORT METHYLMERCURY IN FISH FROM LAKE PILLSBURY (LAKE COUNTY): GUIDELINES FOR SPORT FISH CONSUMPTION

The California Environmental Protection Agency's (Cal/EPA) Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) announces a public workshop to discuss and receive public comments on the draft report entitled Methylmercury in Fish from Lake Pillsbury (Lake County): Guidelines for Sport Fish Consumption. To facilitate discussion at the workshop, the draft document will be available for preview on OEHHA's website October 1, 1999. Copies will also be available for preview at the Lake County Board of Supervisors' office.

The workshop will be held October 29, 1999, at the Lake County Courthouse, 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport, California, in the Board of Supervisors' chambers. The workshop will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will last until all business has been conducted or until 4:00 p.m.

The report presents an evaluation of findings of mercury in fish from Lake Pillsbury, and provides guidelines for limiting consumption of fish from Lake Pillsbury, Lake County. The workshop will be conducted in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 57003(a) to provide information and promote public input in the development of fish consumption guidelines for Lake Pillsbury.

Following the workshop, OEHHA will revise the report, as appropriate, post it on the website, and provide a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period will be announced in the California Regulatory Notice Register. The report will then be finalized after considering all the comments received.

A copy of the report is available at the Internet Web Site of OEHHA, http://www.oehha.ca.gov, by calling OEHHA at (510) 622-3170, or by contacting the Lake County Board of Supervisors office at (707) 263-2368.

Written comments may be submitted to the address below. Comments must be postmarked (if sent by mail) or received by OEHHA (if hand-delivered or sent by FAX) by close of business on October 29, 1999. If you would like to receive further information on this workshop, or have questions, please contact Dr. Margy Gassel using the information provided below.

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